

September 2005
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The month of September brought to a close the traditional summer traffic patterns common to the Central Command. With the decline in traffic came an overall activity decrease of 22.9%. However, when compared to the same reporting period the previous year, overall activity increased by 25.4%. Despite the decreases in most enforcement categories in September, DUI arrests prior to crash increased by 40.9% and hazardous moving violations increased by 6.3% when compared to August.

During September a 17.8% decrease in the total number of crashes was noted when compared to August with 27 fewer crashes being investigated. The majority of this decrease can be attributed to property damage crashes where a 26.4% decrease occurred. Injury crashes also decreased slightly by 2.2% where as fatal crashes increased by 200% with 2 more crashes being investigated when compared to just one in August. Crashes involving commercial vehicles accounted for 20% of the command total which is consistent with past months. Of the 25 commercial vehicle crashes, 18 or 72% was the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

The Commercial Vehicle Section also showed a 24.9% decrease in overall inspections which led to a decline in the number of violations discovered. Despite the decline in the number of inspections the number of drivers placed "out of service" increased by 113.0%. During September a greater emphasis was placed on overweight vehicles which led to an increase of in the number of trucks being weighed by 155.7%. Of the 1588 vehicles weighed, 1478 were weighed on secondary roadways during 387 hours of weight enforcement with 81 overweight citations being issued for a 153.1% increase.

Traffic personnel conducted 302 level 3 inspections in September, finding 544 violations and placing 36 drivers out of service. This program continues to provide positive results in an all out effort to reduce the number of commercial vehicle crashes in the Central Command.

The Communication Center showed a decrease of 13.4% in the number of radio transmissions, a 14.1% decrease in CAD incidents generated and a 14.2% decrease in telephone calls in September.

Despite the decrease in traffic flows, Central Command personnel performed well during the month of September and will strive to improve in areas of concern.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September-05	September-04	% Change	August-05	% Change
Total Crashes	125	100	25.0%	152	-17.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	78	65	20.0%	106	-26.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	44	30	46.7%	45	-2.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	5	-40.0%	1	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	5	6	-16.7%	8	-37.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	5	-40.0%	1	200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	4	-75.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	25	15	66.7%	26	-3.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	18	10	80.0%	24	-25.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7	4	75.0%	2	250.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.4%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.0%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 20.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ★ Total crashes declined by almost 18% with the majority of the decline being in property damage crashes. There was one less injury crash and two additional fatal crashes. Of the three fatal crashes one driver was killed without the use of a seatbelt, one passenger was killed wearing a seatbelt and one pedestrian was killed.
- ★ Impaired driver related crashes decreased by over one-third. The average BAC for impaired drivers involved in crashes was .125.
- ★ There was one fewer crash involving a commercial vehicle. Crashes involving commercial vehicles accounted for 20% of the Command total. This is fairly consistent with past months. Of the 25 crashes, 18 or 72% was the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. This percentage has been increasing slightly over the past several months. Greater emphasis needs to be placed on initiating traffic stops on commercial vehicles in hopes of reducing this percentage.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	September-05		September-04	% Change		August-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	5		6	-16.7%		8	-37.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	31		18	72.2%		22	40.9%
Other Arrests	136		90	51.1%		182	-25.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	72		61	18.0%		89	-19.1%
Speed violations	1781		1430	24.5%		2530	-29.6%
Hazardous moving violations	271		180	50.6%		255	6.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	283		237	19.4%		364	-22.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	3302		2634	25.4%		4285	-22.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	31		40	-22.5%		4	675.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	23		12	91.7%		98	-76.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	526		581	-9.5%		700	-24.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	1		0	100.0%		4	-75.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	180		166	8.4%		182	-1.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1119		1061	5.5%		1296	-13.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	59		49	20.4%		69	-14.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	49		41	19.5%		23	113.0%
Total school buses inspected	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	1588		185	758.4%		621	155.7%
Total overweight citations	81		18	350.0%		32	153.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	470		521	-9.8%		648	-27.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

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- ★ Overall activity declined by almost 23%. The majority of the decline was in the areas of speed and occupant restraint violations. However, August overall activity was the highest ever recorded for the Central Command.
- ★ DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by over 40%. The average BAC was .133.
- ★ Overall inspections of commercial vehicles decreased by 25%. This led to a corresponding decline in the number of violations discovered. Despite the decline in the number of inspections conducted, the number of drivers placed "out of service" more than doubled.
- ★ The number of vehicles weighed increased by over 155%. Of the 1588 vehicles weighed, 1478 were weighed on secondary roadways during 387 hours of weight enforcement. Much of this was enforcement during the annual potato transportation near Winnemucca.
- ★ The number of dyed fuel inspections declined with the decline in the overall number of commercial vehicles inspected. Of the 470 inspections, 169 were conducted on secondary roadways during 142 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
September-05	302	149	544	36	220	0
August-05	370	141	511	35	273	0
% Change	-18.4%	5.7%	6.5%	2.9%	-19.4%	0%!

September-05	302	149	544	36	220	0
September-04	222	141	423	28	85	0
% Change	36.0%	5.7%	28.6%	28.6%	158.8%	0%

- ★ During September traffic personnel conducted 302 Level 3 inspections on commercial vehicles. This was a decline as compared to August, but is within the normal average of inspections conducted during the majority of the past year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September-05	September-04	% Change	August-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	76,329	76153	0.2%	88,159	-13.4%
CAD incidents	10,161	9224	10.2%	11,822	-14.1%
Telephone Calls	11,674	N/A	#VALUE!	13,607	-14.2%
Call Box Incidents	10	N/A	#VALUE!	40	-75.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	123	81	51.9%	147	-16.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	73	63	15.9%	78	-6.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	26	14	85.7%	5	420.0%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	115	470	-75.5%	332	-65.4%
Warrants Entered	644	397	62.2%	151	326.5%
Warrants Cleared	182	181	0.6%	205	-11.2%
Warrants Validated	2276	2068	10.1%	1749	30.1%
Extradition / Transports	7	4	75.0%	14	-50.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	47	22	113.6%	9	422.2%
New Items Submitted	123	78	57.7%	49	151.0%
Items Disposed	584	178	228.1%	112	421.4%

Contract Service overtime was for escorting 15 wide loads over 616 hours totaling \$37,276.

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- ★ With the decline in crashes and overall activity generated by field operations personnel there were corresponding declines in the number of radio transmissions, CAD incidents generated and telephone calls.
- ★ Front office personnel process fewer accident reports and arrest reports as fewer were generated from field operations.
- ★ The number of new warrants received from courts declined by over 65%. The number of warrants entered into the records system increased greatly as a small backlog was cleared and warrant entry is basically not behind, dependant upon the number of new warrants received. The number of warrants validated increased by over 30%.
- ★ DPS personnel submitted evidence on 47 new cases with 123 items for these cases. A large amount of items were disposed of during September.

PERSONNEL

- ★ Central Command sent seven persons to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to assist local law enforcement agencies. Personnel were gone just over 2 weeks. The trip was quite an experience and an education. All personnel indicated that they would volunteer for similar assignments in the future.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ★ Tpr. Gonzalez assisted with the Morrodders Car Show in Elko.
- ★ Tpr. Carlo represented the Division at the Winnemucca Air Show.
- ★ A safety meeting was held in Ely for about 100 NDOT employees.
- ★ The offenders class for the family vehicle safety program was held with 6 students.
- ★ Interviews were conducted with the local radio station and newspaper regarding deployment of local NHP personnel to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to assist with response to Hurricane Katrina.

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